

# Programmatic Permit Guidance

## Ferry Terminal General Maintenance and Repair General HPA GH-D9448-01 Appendix H

This guidance will help you interpret and understand the roles and responsibilities for complying with programmatic permits and exemptions for the **general maintenance and repair of ferry terminals**. You must read the permits prior to conducting work. Only familiarity with the permits will ensure your activities maintain compliance. The permit and other referenced documents are available for download at WSDOT's programmatic permit website <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/Programmatics/default.htm>.

### Programmatic Permits and Exemptions

- General Hydraulic Project Approval GH-D9448-01, Appendix H
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#### Work covered:

Appendix H allows maintenance, replacement, or repair of existing superstructures and related operational structures located above or in the water: examples are described in the appendix. Temporary floating work platforms are allowed below the OHWL.

#### Work no covered:

The permit does not allow new construction; the addition or expansion of the existing structure; penetration of the seabed through boring, pile driving, or excavation; nor work that could result in bridge failure, or release grindings or toxic materials to water. Wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol is not allowed.

#### When and how often work is allowed:

The permit allows the work to be done "as necessary"; however, any associated work that will shade saltwater aquatic plants for more than 72 hours is limited to between October 1 and April 30. See GHPA appendix F for timing restrictions associated with the use of a temporary work platform, including a 3-day pre-project notification.

#### Work restrictions:

The permit specifies restrictions and required practices that minimize pollutants entering the water and the disturbance of vegetation. Of particular note is the need to contain debris or substance that may enter the water. If there is not enough space for a containment structure then a containment boom must be deployed around the work area.

## Permit Questions?

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### Reporting requirements:

Complete and accurate reporting of all work covered by this permit is a legal requirement.

**Pre-project reporting/notification** – Pre-project notification or reporting is **required only when** a floating work platform greater than 20' wide will be used. In such cases notify the Regional Habitat Program Manager (RHPM) at least 3 days prior to starting work. The RHPM contact list is available at the programmatic permit website (click on the *documents referenced in permits* quick link). Information that must be included in the notification is found in Appendix F.

**Reporting a project** Projects covered by this permit must submit a Programmatic Permit Reporting Form (form and directions available at the programmatic permit website). When reporting, staff can recommend improvements to BMPs and mitigation: This is the best way to rid our toolbox of BMPs that do not work and add BMPs that work better.

**When to report** Annual project reports are submitted to WDFW by January 31 through the WSDOT Environmental Services Office. In order to meet this deadline, project reports must be completed by January 10. Appendix H, provision 3 specifies information ESO must submit to the WDFW Habitat program in the annual report. ESO will submit a report even if no work was done.

## Emergency reporting

Distressed or dead fish and water quality problems must be reported to the regional WDFW and Ecology offices below.

### Ecology Regional Contact Information:

<b>Southwest Region</b> P.O. Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504-7775 Fax # 360-407-6305  Deborah Cornett - supervisor for water quality inspectors/construction <a href="mailto:dcorn461@ecy.wa.gov">dcorn461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 360-407-7269  Margaret Hill - water quality inspector <a href="mailto:mhill461@ecy.wa.gov">mhill461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 360-407-0246  Janet Boyd - water quality inspector <a href="mailto:jboy461@ecy.wa.gov">jboy461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 360-407-0245  Besty Dickes - water quality inspector <a href="mailto:bedi461@ecy.wa.gov">bedi461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 360-407-6283  Rusty Post - water quality inspector (Vancouver field office) <a href="mailto:rpos461@ecy.wa.gov">rpos461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 360-690-4787	<b>Northwest Region</b> 3190 160th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 9808-5452 Fax # 425-649-7098  Don Seeberger - Unit Supervisor for the Water Quality Inspectors/Construction <a href="mailto:dsee461@ecy.wa.gov">dsee461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 425-649-4424  John Drabek - supervisor for the water quality inspectors/industrial unit  Note - John's group works pretty closely with Don's group - some overlap so John is listed more of a backup but should be included in all e-mail notifications. <a href="mailto:jdra461@ecy.wa.gov">jdra461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 425-649-7293
<b>Central Region</b> 15 West Yakima Ave Suite 200 Yakima, WA 98902-3452 Fax # 509-575-2809  Jeff Lewis - supervisor for water quality inspectors <a href="mailto:jlew461@ecy.wa.gov">jlew461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 509-454-7207  Ray Latham - water quality inspector <a href="mailto:rlat461@ecy.wa.gov">rlat461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 509-575-2807  Terry Whittmeier <a href="mailto:twit461@ecy.wa.gov">twit461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 509-574-3991	<b>Eastern Region</b> N 4601 Monroe Spokane, WA 99205-1295 Fax # 509-329-3570  Lenox Bramble (called Len) - supervisor for water quality permit writers <a href="mailto:lbra461@ecy.wa.gov">lbra461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 509-329-3504  Mike Hepp - water quality inspector <a href="mailto:mhep461@ecy.wa.gov">mhep461@ecy.wa.gov</a> . 509-329-3536

### Department of Fish and Wildlife Contact Information:

Region 1 – Spokane: 509-456-4082	Region 4 – Mill Creek: 425-775-1311
Region 2 - Ephrata: 509-754-4624	Region 5 – Vancouver: 360-906-6700
Region 3 – Yakima: 509-575-2740	Region 6 – Montesano: 360-249-4628

